SULTAN EXPECTS STATE OFFICIALS TO WORK HARD

Full Seven-Hour Day Demanded From Them in Irade.

BERLIN, April 20.-Sultan Abdul Hamid of Turkey, who has the reputa-tion of not being very prompt in paying the salaries of his state officials, nevertheless expects them to do a full day's

One of the latest documents he has signed reads: "It is the will of his imperial majesty that all state affairs be state officials appear at their offices on time and work until the closing hourthat is to say, from the fourth to elev-

At least once a year the Sultan issues this order, which is published in all official and semi-official newspapers, who, at the same time, are ordered to praise his majesty's interest in the welfare of

The hours are of course, according to Turkish style of designating the time, that is to say, from the fourth until the eleventh hour after sunrise. The Sultan thinks that seven hours' work ought to be sufficient time in which to execute the necessary work, as it undoubtedly would be if the officials lived up to the rule laid down, but, sad to say, in frade loses its power in two weeks

No Turkish official remains in his office more than three or four hours a day, and the higher the official the shorter the working hours. When a minister of state has given the high porte two hours of his time he considers that he has done all that may be expected of him, and even during these 120 minutes he does not believe in working too hard, as a series of snapshots secretly taken by the government spies and delivered into the hands of the Sultan, have proved.

BACHELORS TAXED

Move Is Popular, as Declining Marriage and Birth Rates Prevail.

BERLIN, April 20.—It is proposed in the Grand Duchy of Hesse to tax bachelors. The lower house of the Hessian parliament has passed a measure for relieving state employes whose income does not exceed \$500 by a grant of from \$40 to \$60, in view of the dearness of food and the high rents preig in the country.

But bachelors who have only themelves to keep are to receive only half the grant, although those unmarried men who maintain a home for their parents, relatives, or adopted children will be granted the full sum.

The bill is popular in the grand duchy, because of the declining marriage and birth rate, the Hessians considering that is thus put on marriage.

VICTORIA'S MOTHER TO LIVE IN SPAIN

LONDON, April 20 .- Princess Henry of Battenberg, the mother of Queen Victoria Eugenie of Spain, has developed such a liking for Spain and Spanish ways that she intends to practically live near her daughter. King Edward is understood to be

greatly annoyed at the announcement that Princess Henry intends building a magnificent palace near Miramar, the summer royal residence in Spain, and that she will spend very little time at Kensington Palace in the future.

The "conversion" of the then Princess Ena to Roman Catholicism caused a great Protestant outcry in England, and the marked influence which Dr. Brindle, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Nottingham, possesses over the present Queen and her mother has added to the general resentment

Princess Henry will probably become a Roman Catholic in the near future, and it is said that her two sons will embrace that faith likewise.

The King is displeased at Princess Henry's readiness to renounce all her English interests, and to practically become a Spaniard. The Princess now speaks the language quite fluently, and English is seldom or never used in the royal apartments at Madrid.

HOSPITALS SWINDLED

PARIS, April 20.-How hospitals are

at Vichy the wife of a wealthy Paris merchant. The lady, who was always dressed in the height of fashion, wore

She replied smilingly: "Yes and no," and then admitted that she had bought t with 3,000 francs her husband had

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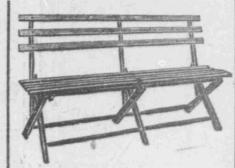
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